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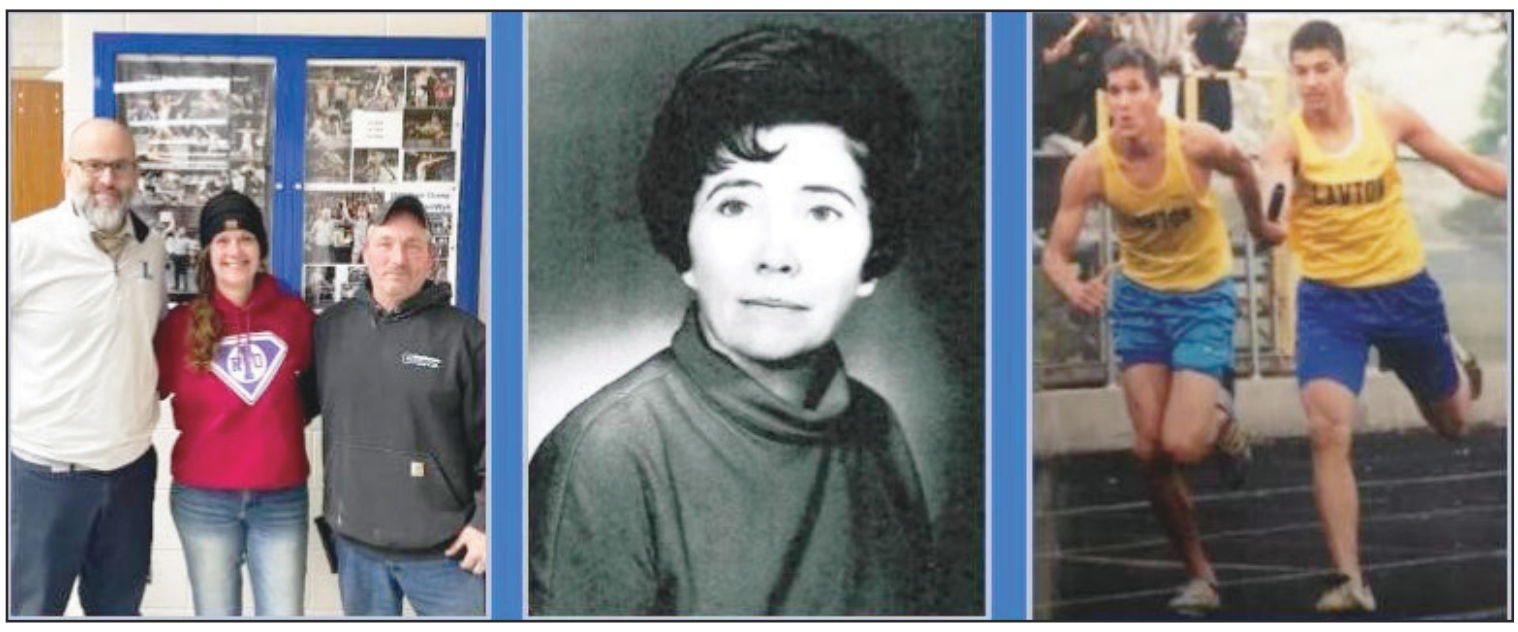
Lawton names inductees for Hall of Fame



Lawton Community Schools have announced the 2024-25 Lawton Blue Devil Hall of Fame inductees. Named to this year's Hall of Fame induction class are Troy and Janine Johnson (shown at far left) - Outstanding dedication in coaching, volunteerism, and supporting Lawton Community Schools' students. Dixie Boothby (center) - Lawton teacher, dedicated to students, founder of the Lawton High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Daniel and Nathan Orozco (far right) – Lawton High School graduates who showed excellence in athletics with a variety of All-State honors, school records, and multiple state champions. The induction ceremony will be held Feb. 14, between the varsity basketball games.

Women Who Care donate $9k to Paw Paw robotics

Paw Paw High School's 2PawRobotics female team members gave a successful presentation to the 100+ Women Who Care of Van Buren County on Wednesday, Jan. 15, and were the recipients of $9,000. The 100+ Women Who Care of Van Buren County meet for one hour, four times a year, and decide on one charitable cause they will support each quarter. According to robotics team members, the donation, which was greatly appreciated, will go toward funding for the 2025 season.

Photo courtesy/Paw Paw High School's 2PawRobotics Team

Mattawan has big plans for auditorium improvements

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JAMES A. WEELDREYER AUDITORIUM DOOR #1

Following the successful passage of the 2024 bond, Mattawan Consolidated School is currently undergoing changes and improvements throughout the district. The high school's James A. Weeldreyer Auditorium is currently seeing microphone upgrades, industry standard LED lighting and a new AV system. Shown in photo is auditorium director John Priest.

Photo courtesy Mattawan Consolidated School

Thrift Shop pays tribute to two volunteers

Charlene Bare and Richard Szotek, volunteers at Community Thrift Shop, Paw Paw, recently celebrated their 90th birthdays with a birthday cake given in honor to the pair by the thrift shop. Bare has been a Community Thrift Shop volunteer for the past 13 years, while Szotek has volunteered for just over a year.

Photo courtesy/Community Thrift Shop

Suspect faces charges in Pine Grove Township domestic violence incident

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Uniform Response handled a domestic violence call in Pine Grove Township. After the investigation was complete, the husband was lodged on several felony charges. The charges the suspect was lodged on were assault by strangulation, operating under the influence (third offense), weapons felony firearm, weapons-firearm possession under the influence, and weapons - carrying concealed.

Uniform Response handled a larceny call in Antwerp Township. The female suspect driving a grey Kia SUV went onto the porch and took a box which was recently dropped off by FedEx. "It was all caught on video and the deputies are currently working on trying to ID the suspect," said Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a larceny of a trailer in Porter Township. The trailer is a 2008 Nash flatbed/car hauler, approximately 16 foot long, all aluminum, the number 91 in blue on the fender, Michigan plate E948728, with a VIN: 1N9BU162481245353. "Anyone with any in-formation is asked to call our office," said Sheriff Abbott.

The Reserve Unit completed their yearly Defense Tactics training. "During the training, the instructor's go over criminal law, handcuffing, takes downs, etc.,"aid Sheriff Abbott.

A deputy on patrol arrested a 55-year-old Paw Paw driver for operating under the influence of alcohol and two counts of Child Endangerment. The deputy observed several violations and made a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon making the stop, alcohol was suspected, so dexterity was performed. After dexterities, the female driver was arrested. "The two grandchildren were turned over to relatives and she was lodged for the incident," said Sheriff Abbott.

Deputies recovered an abandoned snowmobile in Paw Paw Township. It was impounded and waiting for the owners to claim it. It is unclear at this point if it was stolen or just broken down.

"Our office hosted Non-Stranger Sexual Assault class at the Paw Paw Fire Department. Numerous deputies and other agencies attended. Thank you to the Paw Paw Fire Department for allowing us to use your facility for this purpose," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a larceny of a walnut tree in Paw Paw Township. "The property owner noticed tracks driving back into the woodlot and investigated it. He found that unknown suspects drove onto his property and cut down a walnut tree for the log to sell. This has been an ongoing issue in southwest Michigan over the past several months. Numerous people have been arrested for stealing walnut trees. Anyone with any information on this is asked to call our office," said Sheriff Abbott.

Recycling Through Community makes impact in county

PAW PAW - The Van Buren Conservation District (VBCD) Resource Recovery Program and the community made a huge impact in 2024. The Resource Recovery program provides recycling and safe disposal services to Van Buren County. The community conserves resources through recycling and keeps pollution out of the land and water through safe disposal. "We saw so many of you at our one-day collections and year-round services. Check out how our work with our community and partners made an impact!" said Kallie Marshall, VBCD Recycling Coordinator

This past year, the community saved these resources and protected the land and water from pollution:

- 23,255 pounds of household hazardous waste (HHW) safely disposed
- 5,980 pounds of oil-based paint safely disposed
- 10,050 pounds of confidential paper shredded and recycled
- 95,022 pounds of electronics recycled
- 14,824 tires recycled
- 1,200 pounds of batteries recycled
- 765 pounds of foam (Styrofoam™/ polystyrene) recycled
- 42,060 pounds of mixed paper and 43,760 pounds of cardboard recycled
- 500+ agriculture pesticide containers safely disposed of and recycled

A Community of Conservation

"The VBCD and Resource Recovery Program couldn't make these huge impacts without our community's involvement and a family of partners. Our partners support conservation and our collections and services in many ways," said Marshall.

The VBCD expressed its thanks to the municipal partners for their financial contributions which supported conserving resources and keeping pollution out of the land and water. "Thank you to the Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, and Paw Paw; the Cities of Hartford and South Haven; and the Townships of Almena, Arlington, Bloomingdale, Columbia, Covert, Decatur, Geneva, Hamilton, Hartford, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Pine Grove, Porter, South Haven, and Waverly," said Marshall/

She added, "We also thank all of the local municipalities and partner organizations for promoting our services. Their work to promote our events and services spreads awareness and increases our shared impact."

The VBCD expressed its gratitude for collecting event hosts in 2024: South Haven Department of Public Works, the Village of Decatur, Arlington Township, Van Buren Community Men-tal Health, Van Buren County Buildings and Grounds, the Van Buren Intermediate School District Tech Center, and the Townships of Keeler, Pine Grove, and Columbia.

"Another big thank you to our year-round service hosts! Thank you to our partners in bat-tery recycling: Hartford Public Library, Paw Paw District Library, South Haven Senior Services, and the Van Buren District Library Antwerp, Bangor, Covert, Lawrence and Webster Memorial

Branches. Thank you to our hosts for electronic recycling: Community Thrift Shop in Paw Paw and South Haven Senior Services. We want to thank Gobles Village Market for hosting paper and cardboard recycling all year as well," said Marshall.

She added, "Our programs would not be possible without the hard work of many. The Van Buren Sheriff's Office for providing their deputies and Work Crew. The VBCD appreciates the work they do, loading tires and helping at our events. Our volunteers also make a huge impact. Rain or shine, they are the folks who help us operate large collections. Thank you all for your time and service to our community."

Marshall concluded, "Lastly, we want to thank all the people who live, work, and play in Van Buren County. We appreciate your support for the VBCD Operations Millage and your involvement in the recycling events and services. Every material recycled makes an impact. It has been a fantastic year, and we are so proud of the programs we are able to provide and the community we serve." 2025 Recycling dates and locations will be announced soon.

- Newsletter: VanBurenCD.org (go to the bottom of the webpage and sign up with your
- email address at the bottom)
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Van Buren Conservation District Recycling Team, Recycling Coordinator Kalli Marshall and Outreach Coordinator Jacob Diljak.
Photo courtesy/Van Buren Conservation District

Foundation supports academia, athletics, and community in SW Michigan, brings awareness to organ donations

The SuperHero Robbie Oxley Foundation was officially established in 2022 in memory of Robbie and his father, Keith Oxley. "Our lives were turned upside down in a split second in September 2020 when tragedy struck our family with an accident involving Robbie. In his short time with all of us, Robbie loved learning at school, playing flag football and T-ball in Lawton. He had an incredibly huge heart, boisterous laugh, beaming smile and he always made sure all the kids were welcome in his circle of playing," said his mother, Nancie Oxley-Price.

It was 11 months to the day that Robbie's heart stopped beating, when Keith's did as well. "Keith was the rock of the family, a huge Lawton athletics supporter, and an incredible daddy to Robbie and Emilie," said Nancie.

The SuperHero Robbie Oxley Foundation is a 501c (3) non-profit organization. Its mission includes supporting academia, athletics, and community in Southwest Michigan, while bringing awareness to organ donations.

A total of $49,000 has been given back to the community through the foundation.

"In true SuperHero fashion, Robbie donated several organs, which in turn saved the lives of six individuals. The Gift of Life. The ability to Donate Life. A choice no one should ever have to make, but one that is so impaction, it can allow so many people to survive. His accident brought angst to our family, yet brought so much hope, joy, and love to those whose lives continued," said Nancie.

Robbie's impact:

- Super Hero Robbie Oxley Scholarship Program
- Lawton Rocket Football
- Lawton Little League
- St. Mary Catholic School
- Library
- Technology Program
- STEM robots
- PTO
- Playground fund
- Lawton Sports Programs
  - Varsity Football
  - Track & Field
  - Cheerleaders
- Lawton Athletic Boosters
- Paw Paw Athletic Boosters
- Paw Paw Little League
- Paw Paw Ski Team
- Lawton Follow Your Dreams Program
- Lawton Elementary PTO
  - March Reading Month

Nancie and Emilie Oxley, of SuperHero Robbie Oxley Foundation and Derek Leighton, of Modern Woodmen Fraternal Foundation presented two $2,500 checks to Lawton Elementary and Middle schools. The funds will be used to purchase new books and enhance the libraries for the students.
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South Haven City Council moves housing project forward

By James Windell

The South Haven City Council held a public hearing and approved a resolution that moves the plans for a senior housing project one step closer.

At the City Council meeting on January 21, 2025, the City Council held a public hearing related to the plans for a 53-unit housing project.

The only public comment during this public hearing came from Diane Rigozzi, Executive Director of Senior Services of Van Buren County. "We have been working on this project for about two years, and I really appreciate the work that the City of South Haven and the South Haven Township have done to make this happen," Rigozzi said. "We have a deadline of April, 2025, to apply for a grant and it's important to move the land back to the township."

In 2021, the City of South Haven and South Haven Charter Township entered into a Development Cooperation Agreement, commonly known as a "425 Agreement" because it falls under Public Act 425 of 1984, to temporarily transfer certain parcels of land to the city to help redevelop the corridor. The city implemented a Commercial Rehab District in the area to help assist with the redevelopment of commercial properties in the area. Land designated for the housing project is at 8729 M 140 Highway.

Speaking about 2021 agreement, City Manager Kate Hosier said at the January 21 City Council meeting that since that agreement was made this housing project came about. "This is a 53-unit senior housing project adjacent to Senior Services and subject to the 425 Agreement," Hosier said.

"We are asking for this resolution (Resolution 2025-06) to be approved by the City Council that amends this agreement that allows this parcel to go back to the Township so that they can move forward with this housing project," Hosier explained. She went on to say that the Township of South Haven seems faster in their process and that expediency is important in this instance.

Following the public hearing, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution 2025-06, which is a First Amendment to the Development Cooperation Agreement.

"We're working with Samaritas, a nonprofit organization, to build the housing project that would be affordable housing for middle-income seniors," Rigozzi said in an interview. Samaritas, she added, will design the project and they will own and operate it. By April, 2025, Samaritas will apply for a grant to help fund the project and Senior Services is assisting them to get through some of the loopholes involved in the grant. Moving the parcel of land back to the Township removes one of the obstacles to finalizing the grant application.

PPHS to present Spamalot

Paw Paw High School will present Monty Python's Spamalot School Edition, Feb. 6-8, at 7 p.m., and Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. at the high school's Performing Arts Center (PAC). Tickets are $12 for adults and $7 for students. The musical is "lovingly ripped off" from the motion picture "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." For more information, visit: www.ppps.org. Spamalot is rated PG for content.
Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

Ice formation in Lake Michigan one of lowest on record

As of Jan. 23, 2025, NOAA reported current Great Lakes consolidated ice coverage stands at 20.76 percent across the region. Weather officials reported that the Great Lakes was experiencing some of the lowest ice formations on record. In the photo above, the South Haven Lighthouse, located on the west end of the South Pier at the mouth of the Black River, is shown surrounded by ice.
Photo courtesy/Tom Renner

Performance Series announces new leadership

SOUTH HAVEN -- The South Haven Performance Series is pleased to announce its officers and board of directors for the 2025 season.

Founded in 2010, the South Haven Performance Series is an all-volunteer community-based organization dedicated to providing a rich mixture of concerts. The series features professional classical music artists and ensembles, contributing to the cultural fabric of the South Haven area community.

The Rev. Robert Linstrom has been elected president of the Board of Directors. Linstrom served in the ministry for four decades, including 21 years at Peace Lutheran Church in South Haven, until his recent retirement after 10 years as Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.

He succeeds Robert Copping who served as president since the Series was created in 2010. Copping will continue as board secretary.

"Bob Copping has been an exemplary leader and visionary in his 15 years as president with the South Haven Performance Series board and in his devoted leadership with other community-serving organizations," Linstrom said. "It is a privilege to benefit from Bob's support and ongoing leadership as a member of our board, and I am honored to serve with such a committed and talented Board of Directors."

Barbara Hogarth was elected to serve as the organization's new treasurer. She is retired and currently owns Blue Star Studio of Wood and Glass in Fennville. She is also an active volunteer at the Michigan Maritime Museum and serves as the treasurer for the Blue Coast Artists.

Other members of the South Haven Performance Series board of directors are Bob Boerma, Sue Cunningham, Roger Dehn, George Ebright, Jerry Jelsema and Tom Renner.

The board acknowledges the service of retiring board members Margery VerBeek and Kilby Brandt.

The 2025 Performance Series schedule will be announced in the coming weeks.

Wings of God plans breakfast fundraiser

PAW PAW - Wings of God Transition Home will hold a breakfast fundraiser, Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 to 11 a.m., at Paw Paw First Presbyterian Church 120 Pine St. Paw Paw, to help raise funds for Wings of God Transition Home.

The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, and orange juice.

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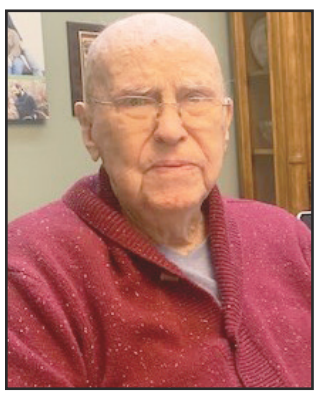

Dr. Frank Joseph "Joe" Loomis, 100, of Whispering Pines, died peacefully on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

Born in Luckey, Ohio, December 28, 1924, he was the son of the late Chauncey Burr and Esther Emma Joseph Loomis. During WWII, he was in medical school at University of Michigan and simultaneously served in the U.S. Navy. Upon graduation, he was stationed in San Diego, California, for active duty and later loaned to the U.S. Army, serving at Fort Carson, Colorado, and in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After his release from active duty, he opened a family practice in Paw Paw, Michigan for 20 years. In 1974, drawn by his love of golf and warm weather, Joe relocated south and joined the team at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, where he worked as an emergency room physician until his retirement.

Joe was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Priscilla Loomis, and his son, Stephen, who passed away tragically on January 21, 2025, following a brief illness. He is survived by daughters, Dana Corcoran (Patrick) and Lacy Pessagno (Larry). He is also survived by grandchildren: Brian, Matt, Josh, Lambert, Ashley, Lacy, Lindsey, Zach, and Andy - and great-grandchildren: Alexandra, Dylan, Lacy Jean, Aaron, Kennady, Samantha, Jaxyn, Cameron, Kellan, Nick, Allaria, Giavanna, Atlas, and Roman - and great-great grandson, Mateo. Joe's sister Mary and brothers Ben and Bill predeceased him. He has left a legacy of faith for his family.

A joint memorial will be held for Joe and Steve in April.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or FirstHealth Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.BolesFuneralHome.com

Services are entrusted to Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines.

Louis C. Barkovich

Louis C. Barkovich, 90, of Paw Paw, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, in Paw Paw. He was born Aug. 8, 1934, in Paw Paw, Michigan, the son of Charles Barkovich and Helen (Siskaninetz) Barkovich.

Louis proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War era. After his honorable discharge, he was a lifelong member of the American Legion McGowan-Johnson Post 68, Paw Paw, Paw Paw Lions Club and the Snowmobile Association of MSA. Louis worked for Consumers Energy as a lead lineman for 40 years and was a proud Union member. He played a crucial role in the establishment of the Little League fields in Paw Paw and the start of the Paw Paw Youth Baseball Program. Due to his dedication and effort, he was inducted into the Paw Paw Hall of Fame in 2003, which was an honor he cherished. He also received the Lion of the Year award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award from the Paw Paw Lions Club.

On Oct. 6, 1954, in Paw Paw, he married the love of his life, Gloria (Coombs) Barkovich, who survives him. They recently celebrated 70 years of marriage.

He is also survived by his children, Michael Barkovich, Terry (Mollie) Barkovich and Karen (David) O'Briant; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; sister, Sally (Allan) Hughes and brother, George (Joyce) Barkovich.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Bill Nelson; and daughter-in-law, Michelle Barkovich.

Cremation has taken place. Family and friends were invited to visit Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Adams Funeral Home, 502 W. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw. A memorial service was held following visitation with Pastor Jim Abshagen officiating. Louis will be laid to rest at Saint Mary Cemetery, Paw Paw, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Centrica Care Navigators, Paw Paw American Legion McGowan-Johnson Post 68 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Share a memory or sign the online guestbook at adamspawpaw.com

South Haven program meets the needs of struggling families

By James Windell

Whether you live in South Haven or are just visit during the summer, it's easy to be captivated by the sandy beaches, the downtown boutiques, the wineries, and the friendly brew pubs. The sparkling waters of Lake Michjgan, the iconic lighthouse, and the festivals that attract so many tourists hide social problems in the city, Van Buren County and the nation.

Enchanted by the splendor of a Lake Michigan unseat, it's easy to forget that 47 million people in the U.S. experience food insecurity and that 14 million children go to bed hungry every night. And that poverty affects children and families in our area as well.

That's why Poverty Awareness Month is observed across the country every January. Poverty Awareness Month reminds us that we need to be aware of – and learn more about –

poverty as a social ill. And to better understand how we can help.

Erika Morrison, Executive Director of We Care INC., is reminded about the needs of our neighbors in South Haven and Van Buren County every day. "The beauty of our area makes people overlook the fact that we have a 13% poverty rate in our county," Morrison said in a recent interview. "Every day I am reminded that poverty affects people in our community all around us."

Sixty percent of the clients that We Care INC. serves, Morrison says, make more than the $32,000 a year that typically defines the poverty level for a family of four, but they are also not making enough to survive. "Another 30% of our clients look fine on paper, but in reality they are struggling," she says. We Care INC., provides help and relief to more than 5,000 families every year.

Founded in 1982 by five pastors, We Care INC., maintains as their core mission to operate two food pantries that serve from 300 to 400 families a month. In addition, We Care INC. has three personal care pantries in South Haven, Covert and Bangor, which have expanded into providing clothing and housewares, as well. "We get a lot of requests for coats, snow boots and warm clothing at this time of the year," Morrison says.

But she says that the real purpose of We Care INC. has not changed over the years. "It is to serve our neighbors," she says. "And we have many different ways of doing that."

Morrison has been Executive Director of We Care INC. since June of 2019. "We haven't changed our name but we are doing business these days as We Care Community Resource Center. That communicates who we are and what we do in the community. We are not just food anymore; we are also about providing resources."

As a resource center, she says that her program works with hundreds of businesses, social organizations, and other agencies so that while they offer direct help to people, they also can refer people in need to a program or agency that can serve their needs better.

The We Care INC. office is located at 1301 M-43 Highway, Suite 2B. As a non-profit, faith-based agency that relies entirely on donations, they are always in need of donations. To learn more about We Care INC., visit their website at www.wecare-inc.org.

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TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAW PAW, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose (area of footage) constitutes more than 50 percent of the total (area of footage) of the hereinafter described Sheridan Road Maintenance special assessment district and the township board of the Township of Paw Paw proposes to repair and maintain the roadway to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing maintenance is proposed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: All properties that abut Sheridan Road a loop from 35 ½ street back to 35 ½ street.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received an estimate of the costs of such repair in the approximate amount of $ 70,000.00, has placed them on file with the township clerk, and has passed a motion tentatively declaring its intention to create the special assessment district. The township board has also tentatively found the petitions to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said estimates of cost, proposed assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the township clerk from the date of this notice trough the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the petitions, district, and estimate of costs will be held at the Paw Paw Township Hall at 114 North Gremps Street Paw Paw, Michigan, commencing at 6 o'clock p.m. on February 10th, 2025.

At the hearing the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the estimates and costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have. American With Disabilities (ADA) Notice THE PAW PAW TOWNSHIP HALL IS BARRIER FREE. The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Public Hearing upon 2 business days notice. Contact: Rebecca Payne, PAW PAW TOWNSHIP CLERK, 269-657- 4340 ext. 125

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SPORTS

Paw Paw boys are 11-2

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Paw Paw boys basketball team entered this week with a 11-2 record.

Paw Paw had quarter leads of 21-8, 37-21 and 55-43.

Key players for Paw Paw:

Truman Brennan 19 Pts, 4 Rebs, 2 Assists, 2 Steals

Barron Marinich 12 Pts, 5 Rebs, 3 Assists

Eli Sonnenberg 12 Pts, 1 Assist, 2 Steals, 1 Charge Taken

Caden Bowen 11 Pts, 4 Rebs, 1 Assist, 1 Steal

"The Red Wolves came out hot on offense and defense to start the game," coach Aaron Berry said. "That set the tone. After a dominant 1st half, the Red Wolves played a back and forth 2nd half until ultimately closing the game out at the free-throw line to get back in the win Column

On Friday Jan 24, Paw Paw won at Sturgis 52-37. Paw Paw had quarter leads of 11-4. 22-14 and 46-23.

Key players for Paw Paw:

Caden Bowen 12 Pts, 10 Rebs, 1 Assist, 2 Steals, 1 Block

Kaelin Tate 12 Pts, 1 Reb, 2 Assists, 4 Steals

Truman Brennan 9 Pts, 5 Rebs, 4 Assists, 2 Steals

"The Red Wolves started the game pretty good defensively, holding Sturgis under 20 in the 1st half," Beery said. "In the third quarter the offense kicked it into gear with a 24-point quarter. In the fourth the bench was cleared and everyone was able to get some minutes and some shots. It was an all around excellent team effort.

"The Red Wolves improve to 11-2 on the season and 7-2 in the Wolverine Conference. After a Plainwell loss, Paw Paw is back in 1st place. This week will be a challenging one as the Red Wolves welcome Benton Harbor (11-4) on Tuesday, go to Vicksburg (Winner of 4 straight) on Friday, and play Loy Norrix in the night cap of the Love and Basketball Showcase on Saturday."

South Haven junior sparks competitive cheer team

Kaelynn Lira is a member of South Haven's competitive cheer team.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — Kaelynn Lira is a member of South Haven's competitive cheer team and likes her team's prospects for the rest of the seasons.

"The team has done good, but there it's a lot more potential within us," Lira said. "I'd say that I could be doing better, but I put a lot of pressure on myself and I have a lot of mental blocks. From when I first did competitive cheer, I have improved so much. I am more confident, I'm a way better flyer and I have tightened up my motions. My jumps have also gotten much higher.

"I feel like I bring knowledge to the team. I have been around cheerleading a lot so I know a lot and am always ab le to help. I think I can also reign the team in. There are times and places to have fun and goof off, but there also times that we needed to focus and I think I help identify when we need to focus."

Lira said her role is mostly the same as it was a year ago.

"I have more knowledge and experience that I did last year," she said. "I have nice and tight motions with the right placements, I rarely ever forgot what place I needed to move to and at which times. I worked on my facials, especially when flying, and I tend to focus on flying and = on how happy I look doing it.

"When we hit all of our stunts in round three everyone was so happy that we made our coach cry and she doesn't cry. I could feel the whole team get a little closer to one other. That same competition, one of Coloma's coaches told us that we performed the best round 3 that she has ever seen from South Haven. I think that same competition is our team highlight. It was filled with so much happiness, we were all fighting for one thing and we were proud of each other."

Lira is confident by the end of the season she will have her met her expectations. The same goes for the team.

"We are improving a lot," she said. "This is going to be an amazing season."

Lia also does sideline cheer, softball and runs track.

"My favorite sports is probably softball," he said. "I have been playing nonstop since I was 4. I have always been surrounded by my friends when I play. I just really love the sport. It makes me so happy. My best sport might be track. I've been told I am really fast. I also feel like I don't stress about track, it's very chill to me, at least compared to my other sports."

Gobles wrestlers have 6-1 week

Mason Mansfield has over 100 career wins for Tigers Wrestling. He was recognized for this after his win at the Parchment duel.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

GOBLES — Coach Erin Carlin's wrestlers had a 6-1 performance last week.

On Jan 22, they defeated Galesburg 68-6 and Parchment

71-6. Then, on Jan 25, they lost to Hastings but rebounded with a 57-18 defeat of Buchanan, a 55-20 defeat of White Pigeon, a 48-16 defeat of Kenowa Hills, and a 58-16 defeat of Mendon at the Buchanan Super Duels.

Finn Carlin, Devin Doorlag, and Mason Mansfield's mat leadership was displayed this week.

These boys went undefeated last week and scored bonus points in every match. Finn won all his

matches by pins and is now tied with Brody Marshall for the team lead in falls (pins), and Mason Mansfield increased his team lead in Takedowns and Tech Falls.

"Devin Doorlag, Finn Carlin, and Mason Mansfield have high wrestling IQs, power, and athleticism that frustrate their opponents," coach Carlin said. "They are very good at scoring the first takedown, keeping the pressure from the top position, and initiating the first move from the bottom. They are very

coachable in the practice room and mat side. Our younger wrestlers see this and know what they need to do when called upon."

Aiden Dukes and Danny Timms went 4-1 at the Buchanan Super Duels.

"Aiden is still learning and developing his technique but his power and pace are buying him time. His gratitude for the

opportunity to wrestle makes him a joy to watch on the mat. He is another highly coachable wrestler who will outwork anyone in the room. Consequently, he is having a lot of success for such a young wrestler," Coach Carlin.

The Tigers have duels against Martin and South Haven on Monday on this week, then Watervliet and Coloma

on Wednesday. They will top the week at the SAC Championships in Coloma on Saturday.

Records are 4-2 conference and 26-5 overall.

Gobles boys basketball team off to good start

By John Raffel
Correspondent

The Gobles Varsity team is off to a solid start this year and are 6-3 at this point. After a few tough losses the Tigers bounced back with a solid 47-27 conference win over Saugatuck. With that win over Saugatuck the Tigers now stand alone in first place in their division at 4 -0.

Juniors, Jaden Otis and Aden Newberry have led the way this year with both players averaging close to 15 points per game and leading the Tigers in rebounding as well.

Sophomore Carter Crippin continues to improve as the floor general and is giving the Tigers scoring and is dishing out close to six assists per game.

Defensively the Tigers rely their defense on a nightly basis and junior Aiden Beam is the catalyst for that. Beam's intensity and grit on that end is a big reason the Tigers hold opponents down on a nightly basis, coach John Curtis said.

The Tigers have also had some solid offensive contributions from Gibson Curtis on certain nights and Nathan Ray and Alex Akers give the team some high level energy and minutes that are greatly needed as well.

Update; The Tigers are 7-4 after beating Martin 56-21 on Jan 25 and losing on Monday to Galesburg Augusta 64-56.

Mattawan girls fall to Gull Lake

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Mattawan's girls basketball team on Monday, Jan. 27, lost to Gull Lake 55-40 on the road.

Mattawan falls to 2-11 on the year.

Freshman Charlotte Douglass scored 20 points and sophomore Caitlin Ryan added 14 in the loss.

Gull Lake was led by C. Clancey with 13 and A Woodrow with 12

Last Friday, Loy Norris beat Mattawan 45-35.

Caitlin Ryan and Charlotte Douglass both had 10

S. Brown led Loy Norrix with 16.

In previous play, Mattawan beat Portage Northern 44-25 in action on Thursday, Jan. 8.

Mattawan sophomore Caitlin Ryan led all scorers with 20 points.

Tuesday's game was cancelled.

Mattawan now has a 2-8 record and will be at Battle reek Central on Tuesday before finishing the regular season with 10 out of 11 games at home.

Mattawan is home on Jan. 28 with Marcellus Howardsville Christian, on Jan. 30 with Stevensville Lakeside, on Feb. 4 wirh Battle Creek Lakeview, on Feb. 6 with St. Joseph, on Feb. 13 with Portage Central, on Feb. 18 with Niles, on Feb. 20 with Portage Northern and on Feb. 25 with Edwardsburg.

Paw Paw wrestlers shine at invitational

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Paw Paw wrestlers did very well at the Greater Berrien County Invitational on Saturday.

For the third place march at 144 pounds, Kholby Armijo decisioned Cameron White of Dowagiac 13-7. He had previously pinned Michael Robinson of Constantine in 1;02, and pinned Zayden Rowland of South Haven in 1:44.

Armijo lost a decision 11-6 to Gavin Keller of St. Joseph. He veat Maverick Kraemer of Coloma in a pin in 3;25.

In a fifth place match for Paw Paw, Gunner Gale pinned Buck Cramer in 3:29. He had also defeated Maverick Berg of Dowagiac in 2:48, lost a 15-11 decision to Alan Wagner of Cassopolis and was pinned by Samuel Rucker of Niles in 245. He opened the day with a pin over Parker Wiggins of Decatur in 20 seconds.

Paw Paw on Jan. 22 lost to Vicksburg 54-29. Winners for the Red Wolves were Ty Elmore at 132 pounds with a pin in 36 seconds. Kholby Armijo at 144 with a 18-2 technical fall, Justin Lhaman at 159 by forfeit, Zackary Peak at 157 with a pin in 28 seconds and Gunner Gale at 175 with a pin in 3:17.

South Haven downs Watervliet

By John Raffel
Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven's girls basketball team improved its record to 9-1 and extended its winning streak to six games with a 48-34 win over Watervliet on Jan. 24.

South Haven leads the Southwestern Athletic Conference with a 6-0 record.

Ly'Nique Cunningham had 29 points, six steals, five rebounds and four assists against Watervliet. Sofia Grieves had seven points and seven rebounds.

Moly Verseput had four points and five rebounds for South Haven. Nevaeh Cooper had six points and four boards. Reagan Hahn had two points.

Cunningham had 32 points and six rebounds in a 50-44 win over Dowagiad on Wednesday, Jan. 22. Molly Verseput had eight points and five rebounds. Cooper had four points and eight boards. Grieves had five points and four rebounds.

South Haven is at Coloma on Jan. 31 and will host Saugatuck on Feb. 5 and Fennville on Feb. 7.

The South Haven boys team is 11-2 after a 53-51 win on Jan. 27. South Haven has won three straight.

MSHDA
MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 31, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2020-2024 TO OUTLINE PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TIED DIRECTLY TO MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S (MSHDA) CDBG HOUSING ACTIVITIES.

Michigan is required to prepare a formal substantial amendment to the State of Michigan's Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (the Consolidated Plan). The Consolidated Plan proposes an action strategy by which those needs will be addressed. The formal amendment being proposed covers FY23 and FY 24 allocations covered by the Michigan Consolidated Plan 2020-2024. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is responsible for preparing the Michigan Consolidated Plan and soliciting comments from the public regarding the plan and its subsequent amendments. CDBG funds will be utilized for MSHDA's CDBG Housing Initiatives to assist with statewide housing needs.

The **comment period** will commence on January 31, 2025, and end March 3, 2025, and will be limited in scope to the amendment parameters as outlined below. **In-person public hearings** will be held at the MSHDA Lansing office, 735 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm and at the MSHDA Detroit office, 3028 W. Grand Boulevard 4-600, Detroit on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 4 -5 pm. **A virtual public hearing** will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams, Meeting ID: 244 047 245 209, Passcode: S6VD2JN2 **OR** call in (audio only) +1 248-509-0316, 841259158#, Phone Conference ID: 841 259 158#

Introduction
The amendment will broaden the use of the CDBG funds and redefine the process and dollar amount that can be allocated per award. This amendment will restrict all FY23 and FY24 CDBG awards to strictly housing activities tied to all national objective categories and the administration and technical assistance necessary to implement projects in non-entitled areas. A link to the proposed amended plan can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/neighborhoods/michigan-consolidated-plan.

Details
This proposed substantial amendment covers the 2023 and 2024 CDBG annual allocations. The proposed amendment line items within non entitlement areas are:

1. CDBG grants may be competitively and/or direct funded at an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 per agency award.
2. CDBG grants may be used for homeowner rehabilitation on occupied single-family homes including supporting infrastructure enabling access to municipal infrastructure as a component of the rehabilitation scope.
3. CDBG funds may be used for reconstruction of comparable previous residential units on vacant lots based on HUD allowable terms.
4. CDBG funds may be used for infrastructure activities directly tied to the creation of housing. Each proposed activity must have a MSHDA financed housing construction component serving 80% AMI or below households and will be awarded based on a HUD allowable national objective being met.

Method of Distribution
This program allows for the MSHDA CDBG program to direct fund awards throughout the non-entitled portions of the State of Michigan to local units of government.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments directly related to the proposed amendment to the current Michigan Consolidated Action Plan. Information gathered during the written comment period will be used to substantiate a formal amendment to the Michigan Consolidated Action Plan.

Individuals and organizations may submit written comments to Tonya Joy, 735 East Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909. **Written comments must be received no later than March 3, 2025**. Comments can also be submitted to the MSHDA Consolidated Plan Coordinator via e-mail to mshda-cdbg@michigan.gov.

Copies of the Michigan Consolidated Action Plan may be downloaded free of charge from the MSHDA website link above.

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VIEWPOINT

Defund NGO's, and do it now

If you've been watching the crisis at our southern border, you might wonder what has happened to the millions of illegal immigrants that crossed the border the last few years. Where do they go, and how are they supported you may ask?

Well, you as an American taxpayer pay NGO's (non-governmental organizations) to transport, feed and house the illegal immigrants. The NGO's that handle these tasks are funneled millions and sometimes billions of dollars from the Department of Homeland Security or Health and Human Services.

Some leaders of these NGO's are former staffers from the Obama presidency. For instance, Krish Vignarajah, a senior policy advisor to both Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama took over Global Refugee which has received over a billion dollars in grants to settle illegal immigrants. Her salary is $643,000 a year.

That pales in comparison, however to Catholic Charities which has received $1.4 billion in taxpayer money. And Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is not far behind. Both of these also receive millions of dollars from local Catholic and Lutheran congregations as well.

Charles Marino, a former DHS advisor under former President Obama, said its impossible to track how many taxpayer funded NGO's are operating along the southwest border.

Marino added, "So now they have turned it over to the NGO's, not just to coordinate the shelter and the food, but also the travel, ultimately we're going to see billions of dollars of taxpayer money go to waste through fraud and abuse because there's no oversight through FEMA."

One report noted NGO's also reach out to know got-aways to offer financial assistance. It's a big business and the more illegals they can help, the more the feds will pay them. On wonders if a few unscrupulous NGO's aren't working with cartels.

A report in 2024 from the Inspector General found that $110 million from the American Rescue Plan for migrants at the southern border was misspent- in come cases it was given to gotaways that eluded border patrol.

And I sit here and wonder why we have left our borders open for so long. Republicans claim the Democrats were seeking new voters, expecting migrants to register to vote and become Democrats. I don't buy that.

The old axiom "follow the money" is again so true. Certain individuals and organizations have gotten rich, while the rest of us are paying for them to do so. This seems to be a common thread throughout our federal government and hopefully our new administration can put a stop to it.

Here's what needs to be done. Obviously step one is to stop the flow of illegal immigrants into the United States. That is already happening. Then the agencies that funnel money to the NGO's need to be put on notice- no more taxpayer money goes to NGO's period. The money can be used for disaster relief- I know some folks in the Los Angeles area and western North Carolina that would welcome financial help.

Will our new administration cut NGO funding? Only time will tell.

MIKE'S MUSINGS

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Life as Performance Art

By now we have all seen bleak photos from the fire zones in southern California. Thousands of homes, businesses, churches and schools have been reduced to rubble.

Other places have been so badly damaged they may have to be pulled down. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced.

Overall, scenes are similar to photographs from devastated cities in World War II, in Gaza and elsewhere around the world.

We have all seen the TV in-terviews the people who have lost everything. Many stand in front of what was their home having no idea what they will do next, where they'll live, or whether to stay and rebuild or start over in a new location.

Everything is gone. Everything. Asked about their loss-es, nearly all say bravely, "The important thing is that we're alive."

Most will settle down to the hard work of rebuilding their homes. They will have to acquire new furnishings, clothes and everything else most of us need for daily living. But they'll never get back the icons connecting them to their pasts.

We all have these tangible reminders in our homes and lives. Photo albums and pic-tures are irreplaceable. But there are other reminders of special times or special peo-ple.

For example, I have two lamps were given to me by people who were important. On the speaker, I have a c plastic black falcon, Horus, the Egyptian god of their kings Pat and I bought when we were in Egypt. It is a cheap trinket to anyone else, but for me, it is a reminder of the tremendous time we had visiting the country.

J.M. Barrie, the author of "Peter Pan," wrote a short story titled "The Old Lady Shows her Medals" that be-came a stage play, then a movie. It's a sad tale set in England near the end of World War I when an older widow invites a young soldier to her home for dinner. She wants his company and to show him her medals be-cause they're important to her.

He reluctantly agrees, she produces several wine corks and tells him she treasures them because each one had a connection with a soldier who had died in the war. The corks were her way of remembering the men who died for their king and coun-try.

You could say or write the same thing about even the most mundane objects that sometimes get pushed to the back of a drawer or closet. Perhaps you have done that. More important icons are protected by taping a small note on the back side of them to let the recipient know they are important.

Maybe they will keep it; maybe not. But we take qui-et comfort knowing that we've done our duty to tell a story about them for a future generation or two.

We do it for a selfish yet hopeful reason: If our de-scendants see these items, perhaps they will make the connection with us and re-member us long after we are gone. It is our quest for at least temporary immortality.

Nearly all things will even-tually wear out o disappear, and we know it. That's one reason I like a short scene from "Downton Abbey' where Mr. Carson and Mrs. Hughes are talking about life and the advancing years.

He tells her, "The business of life is acquiring memories. In the end, it is all we have left."

Having seen the news seg-ments on the fires in Califor-nia, the hurricane flooding in western North Carolina and countless other tragedies around the world, Mr. Car-son's words linger in my mind.

I've started a series of an-nual photo albums I call "The Book of Pat." They are pictorial histories of the year with lots of pictures of Pat with friends, at parties and events, and the most ordi-nary days.

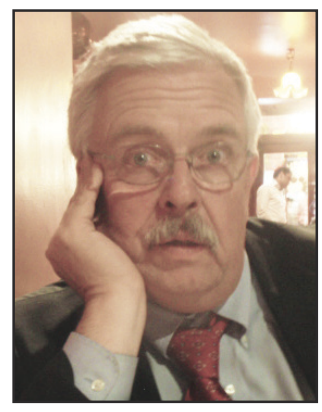
Once in a while we go through a volume, remem-bering and laughing, then a little saddened when we see a picture of a friend who's since passed away. It is our way of keeping memories alive.

In time we will both be gone and those albums will fall into the laps of her two adult sons and their families. They live away, and my hope is they will enjoy seeing some of the people and events in their mum's life.

Some nights when I am out for a walk, or late before Mr. Sandman calls, I strive to recall people and events from the past and run the memory tapes through my mind. One memory leads to another and I feel more con-nected with the past.

All this, I know, is ultimate-ly futile. The icons we treas-ure today will eventually disappear. And so will mem-ories.

But for the time being, Mr. Carson was right: The busi-ness of life is acquiring memories.



G CORWIN STOPPEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump's administration determined to reform government

Dear Editor,

The 2024 General Election has concluded, but the ride has just begun. Now we undertake the most difficult task of government reform in our lifetime. As we are currently experiencing in Michigan, our national government is but a shattered remnant of the republic that it had once been. The extreme un-American efforts of the left have nearly devastated our nation and we now must resurrect it quickly. Nature abhors a vacuum and with America being left as the impotent joke it currently is, if we don't rebuild quickly some other power will replace us in the world order.

The new Democratics have already begun to repeat their obstructionist behavior from President Trump's first term. A lawsuit has already been filed against the Trump administration's immigration policies that are unquestionably constitutional. The liberals only concern is to impose their will on the American people with no regard to our national interests or the desire of the American citizens. The Biden/Harris regime filled nearly every cabinet and judicial appointment with unqualified weaklings whose only qualification was that they checked off a particular DEI requirement. Now they have the audacity to complain about every cabinet candidate President Trump has chosen, as if their opinions have value, which they no longer do.

Corporate media is experiencing never-before-seen layoffs, cut wages and hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue culminating with the liberal cable networks divesting themselves of certain liberal cable news channels and personalities.

Since the November election results, the left's flagship media outlet CNN has lost half of its preelection market value and is continuing to bleed money while experiencing hundreds more layoffs. Chairman/CEO Chriss Licht has been fired and major personality Wolf Blitzer has been relegated to the 10AM morning slot while, in hopes of Jim Acosta terminating his own contract, CNN has moved him to the midnight broadcast slot. At this time CNN's viewership lags somewhere behind the Hallmark Channel and the Cartoon Network.

As of this morning, polls from CBS, Pew and others state that around 60% of Americans agree with President Trump's stated agenda and cabinet picks. Those voting for president Trump included not only a noticeable number of registered democrats and independents but an unusually significant number of Hispanic, Muslim, Black, union members and young voters. This election was evidence that not only is the Republican party indeed a large tent but the majority of the American public is concerned with real issues and not social ideology and identity politics.

Despite the indisputable popular vote and electoral college majority election victories throughout our nation, too many on the left are now questioning the intellect of Trump supporters or that the black Trump supporters are not black enough or other such pathetically desperate and small-minded claims. Since the election, the overall behavior of much of the new Democratic party has been frighteningly reminiscent of the Democratic party of post American Civil War and the early 20th century.

The first Trump administration did not accomplish nearly what they should have due to relentless, baseless and questionably legal lawsuits and investigations. Just as when one acquires a new company, you evaluate the employees and determine who is an asset who is a liability and those who are not an asset are immediately shown the door. It appears that our 45th/47th president recognized the errors in his first term and is surrounding himself with competent and loyal people while removing the dead weight and moving forward. For those on the left that believe they will continue to bully and deceive the American public it appears they are experiencing a harsh reality.

The American voters have spoken decisively in support of our Judea/Christian principles and America first priorities and the sooner we get underway the better.

"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous."-Frederick Douglass

John R. Young

Reader claims Trump, cabinet not fit for duty

Dear Editor:

America does not have the president it wants. It elected a liar whose supporters will believe no matter how idiotic his claims are. His cabinet picks stand alone among all presidents as the largest group of unqualified people ever nominated (at least since Betsy DeVos). A news show morning host for SecDef? An AG nominee who dropped a lawsuit over Trump U when he made a large contribution to her campaign? Kristi Noem who has absolutely no experience in this arena? Tulsi Gabbard whose close relationships with Russia doomed her political run in 2016? Oh yeah. We can't forget Dr. Oz. A TV quack who now is in charge of our health care system. A man who has touted numerous products that don't work but filled his wallet. They and the rest have one thing in common. They are large dollar contributors and they won't ever tell Trump no.

Bitch about the price of gasoline but there's that pesky "free market" thing. The government has little to no control over gas prices unless Trump intends to nationalize them. Instead, as he promised during the campaign, if oil company CEO's would give him $1 billion he'd slow down or stop EV production and sales in this country. And our interest rates are in line with most industrialized countries. And his plan to lower grocery prices? Since he has not elucidated I can only conclude that it's like his promises from the first admin. It's coming in 2 weeks (right). And you can get your panties in a bunch over Venezuela but 60% of our oil imports come from Canada. Yes, our neighbor to the north that Donald takes so much pleasure in denigrating. And throwing tariffs at them will certainly not help as they have already indicated they will respond in kind. And calling people who are in favor of combating climate change (yes, it's real) "elites" when most of his advisors are millionaires/billionaires is pretty condescending.

I know it's in vogue on the right but going back on your prior treaties makes us nothing but a pitiful group of LIARS. In 2011 when the USSR collapsed Ukraine had the 3rd, yes 3rd, largest nuclear arsenal in the world. In return for giving up those weapons the US and Great Britain extended security assurances to Ukraine. If you're so hot to abandon them after we promised aid maybe we give them back their nukes. Sound good?

Ah yes. Immigration. Certainly a problem but there was a bipartisan agreement on a new bill hailed by everyone (except Don) as the best in decades and supported by the US Border Patrol. It died in the House because Trump told Speaker Johnson to not bring it to the floor as it was one of his major campaign issues and if it went away he wouldn't have as much to bitch about. Also, for all those who proclaim that they are freeloaders or taking American jobs A) show me the vast groups of Americans who want to harvest crops or take low paying menial jobs (it doesn't exist) and B) undocumented immigrants paid over $97 BILLION in taxes (state and federal) in 2022. Again, growers are already sounding the alarm that they will not be able to bring in their crops this year.

And then lets talk about the one man you left out. Elon Musk. Musk is the man who bought a president for $280 million. He is a person who communicates frequently with Putin and his Nazi salute at the inauguration should be enough in itself to have him removed from the country.

Donald J. Trump is a low life adjudicated rapist, con man, grifter, and felon. (as is his immigrant wife) who's only ambition is to be praised by everyone and lining his and his oligarchs (yes, that's what the rich are now) pockets.

So when you want to praise the new administration try using facts.

Craig Ball

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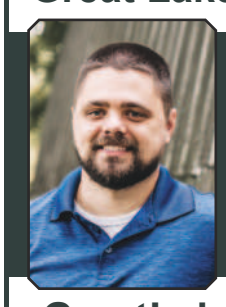

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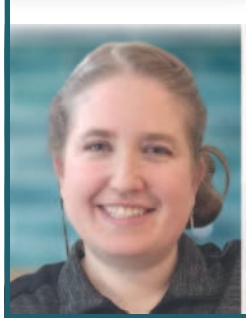

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS - LIVING TRUST ESTATE
Trust Estate of: Martha L. Shugars, Deceased Date of Death: 01-13-2025
Social Security No: XXX-XX-9039 Date of Birth: 09-14-1942
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent (and Living Trust Settlor) Martha L. Shugars, Trustee of the Martha L. Shugars Trust Dated December 9, 1998 and Restated on September 14, 2017 who lived at 91766 27 ½ Street, Marcellus, MI 49067, died January 13, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless timely presented to Ray S. Shugars of 92030 27 ½ Street, Marcellus, MI 49067, Kay L. Klein of 50191 Meddolane, Marcellus, MI 49067 and Jay L. Shugars of 50333 Meddolane, Marcellus, MI 49067, Successor Trustees of the Martha L. Shugars Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Dated: January 28, 2025

Cordell R. Jones (P15567)
JONES LAW OFFICE
120 West Main, Box 187, Marcellus, MI 49067
269/646-5511

Ray S. Shugars, Successor Trustee
92030 27 ½ Street, Marcellus, MI 49067
Kay L. Klein
50191 Meddolane, Marcellus, MI 49067
Jay L. Shugars
50333 Meddolane, Marcellus, I 49067

State of Michigan Probate Court
County of Van Buren
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE
DECEDENT: BARRY J. BOWEN
Date of Birth: July 18,1951 (7/18/1951)
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **BARRY J. BOWEN , who lived at 46972 24th Street Mattawan , Michigan 49071 died November 10, 2024 .** There is no probate estate.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against **BARRY J. BOWEN or THE BARRY J. BOWEN IRREVOCABLE TRUST dated March 4, 2005, as amended and restated in total on January 4, 2017,** will be forever barred unless presented to **Susan K. Bowen**, the named successor trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
January 23,2025
Attorney:
Tyler J. Stewart P80750
DeMent and Marquardt, PLC
211 E. Water Street, Suite 401, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 343-2106
Trustee:
Susan K. Bowen
46972 24th Street, Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 382-7456

State of Michigan probate Court Van Buren
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 2024-1206-DE
Estate of GILBERT EVANS LINDSEY, DECEASED
Date of Birth: July 18,1942 (7/18/1942)
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gilbert Evans Lyndsey, died, October 9,2024 (10/9/2024).
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Theresa J. Cypher, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw St. # 220, Paw Paw, MI 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
January 23,2025
Attorney:
Theresa J. Cypher #P60208
226 1/2 East Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-1035
Personal Representative
Theresa J. Cypher #P60208
226 1/2 East Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079
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State of Michigan probate Court Van Buren
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 2024-1533-DE
JUDGE SUSAN METZGER
Estate of MARIA INOCENIA CASTILLO RODRIQUEZ, DECEASED
Date of Birth: December 30,1929 (12/30/1929)
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Maria Inocenia Castillo Rodriquez, died, June 30,2024 (6/30/2024).
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Raymundo Rodriguez, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw St. # 220, Paw Paw, MI 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
January 23,2025
Attorney:
JONATHAN W. WILLOUGHBY, PLC
Jonathan W. Willoughby P39632
8051 Moorsbridge Road, Portage, MI 49024
(269) 323-3400
Personal Representative
Raymundo Rodriguez
58029 Homer Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517
(574) 370-3805

ALMENA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS
DECEMBER 18, 2024
Almena Township Board meeting was held December 18, 2024 and called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Joe Leduc.
Roll call: Kelly Redmond, John Wagner, Tim Kloosterman, Pat Denny-Diget, Sandra Rickli, Mark Roman, and Joe Leduc.

a. Agenda approved
b. Amended meeting minutes of November 20, 2024 approved
c. Disbursements approved in the amount of $76,302.52 for November 26, 2024 through December 19, 2024
d. County Commissioner and Road Commissioner report
e. Paw Paw and Mattawan Fire Dept. Reports
f. Public comment offered
g. Reports by officers were presented
h. Motion approved to table conversation on Vehicle Repair and Storage Ordinance
i. Motion approved to appoint the Almena Township Municipal Violations Bureau
j. Motion approved to contribute to the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
k. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-15
l. Motion approved to contribute to the Kalamazoo County Hazardous Waste Agreement
m. Public comment offered
n. Meeting adjourned 8:18pm

Sandra Rickli, Clerk, Almena Township

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: SID L. BERRY; ATTY: ORLANS; 1ST PUB: 1/30/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-016961; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 27, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sid L. Berry and Dana M. Berry, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2007 and recorded April 30, 2007 in Liber 1482, Page 767 Van Buren County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Apex Bank, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Two and 58/100 Dollars ($138,052.58).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 27, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of Columbia, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as:
COMMENCING ON THE SOUTH SECTION LINE AT A POINT 180 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT SURVEY THEREOF; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH AND SOUTH EIGHTH LINE 603.42 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 609.6 FEET TO A POINT 603.6 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE SOUTHERLY 603.6 FEET TO THE SOUTH SECTION LINE AT A POINT 609.42 FEET EASTERLY FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE WESTERLY ON SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE 609.42 FEET TO BEGINNING, EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE WEST ON SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SECTION 150 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH AND SOUTH EIGHTH LINE 338 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE TO THE EAST LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH ON SAID EAST LINE TO BEGINNING.
55280 Country Road 380, Grand Junction, Michigan 49056
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: January 30, 2025
File No. 24-016961
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(01-30)(02-20)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: KELLY L. BRAUTIGAM; ATTY: ORLANS; 1ST PUB: 1/30/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-016217; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 27, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kelly L. Brautigam, to Terry Dornan, Mortgagee, dated September 14, 2001 and recorded October 8, 2001 in Liber 1340, Page 945 Van Buren County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Bayview Financial Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2006-D, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-D, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and 93/100 Dollars ($50,217.93).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 27, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Village of DECATUR, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as:
LOT 16, BLOCK L, OF THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT OF 1905, BEING A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWN 4 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT SURVEY THEREOF, EXCEPT THE SOUTHEASTERLY 50 FEET WIDE OF LOT 16.
201w Saint Marys St, Decatur, Michigan 49045
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: January 30, 2025
File No. 24-016217
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(01-30)(02-20)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: DILLON SHELDON; ATTY: TEAM X; 1ST PUB: 1/9/2025; ATTY FILE #: 516165F02; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on February 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dillon Sheldon, a married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: May 6, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 12, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $147,627.70
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Gobles, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 8, Block 7, VILLAGE OF GOBLEVILLE, NOW CITY OF GOBLES, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 19 of Plats, Page 634.
Common street address (if any): 108 Glover St, Gobles, MI 49055-9692
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: January 9, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(01-09)(01-30)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: FELICIA A FRENCH; ATTY: TEAM H; 1ST PUB: 1/9/2025; ATTY FILE #: 499077F05; INSURER: (UNKNOWN NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on February 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Felicia A. French, an unmarried woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 6, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $108,424.56
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Decatur, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning on the North and South 1/4 line of Section 1, Town 4 South, Range 14 West, at a point South 00 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds East 1232.55 feet from the North 1/4 post of said Section 1; and running thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds along said 1/4 line, 261.36 feet; thence East, parallel with the North line of said Section 1, 500 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds West 261.36 feet; thence West 500 feet to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 72999 County Road 665, Lawton, MI 49065-9421
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR; THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice."
Default having been made in the condition of a Future Advance Mortgage, dated November 21, 2008, by Charles Kirby, Sally A. Kirby husband and wife and Charles E. A. Kirby, , as Mortgagors, to FIRST STATE BANK OF DECATUR, a Michigan Banking Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded on November 24, 2008, at Liber 1510, Page 290, Van Buren County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this
Notice of Sale SIXY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 66/100 ($66,750.66) DOLLARS, principal; THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 00/100 (3,270.00) DOLLARS, interest to 12/22/24; plus interest at the rate of 8.46% from and after November 7, 2023, ONE THOUSAND AND NO/IOO ($1,000.00) DOLLARS, late charges and THREE HUNDRED AND 10/100 ($310.00) for force placed insurance, for a total of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 66/100 ($71,330.66), as of the date of this notice, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Charles Kirby, Sally A. Kirby and Charles E. A. Kirby, husband and wife to FIRST STATE BANK OF DECATUR. The amount due on the mortgage might be greater on the day of the sale and that a foreclosure sale doesn't entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. No legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage contained has become operative by reason of such default. By reason of such default, the Mortgagor has declared the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.
Notice is hereby given that on February 13, 2025, at 1 PM at the East Entrance lobby of the Van Buren County Courthouse, 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, Michigan, 49079, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for the County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the mortgage, together with interest at 4.600 per cent, legal costs, attorney fees and also any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays before the sale, and expenses of sale, as provided by law and in the mortgage, or so much thereof, as may be necessary to satisfy the debt, the lands and premises mentioned and described in the mortgage is as follows: Property located in the Township of Decatur, County of Van Buren, and State of Michigan, described as follows:
Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Town 4 South, Range 15 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section ; thence West along the South line of said Section, 1994.00 feet to a point which is 634.60 feet East the South Quarter corner of said Section; thence North at right angles to said South line, 834.09 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29'51" East, 1586.07 feet; thence South 75 degrees 30'39" East, 48.53 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 26'59" West, parallel with the East line of said Section, 197.46 feet; thence South 88 degrees 00'00" East, 354.975 feet to the East line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 26'59" East along said East line, 240.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37'23" West, 345.69 feet; thence North 09 degrees 20'36" West, 57.97 feet to the point of beginning.
Parcel No. 80-10-026-008-20 commonly referred to as 91402 Celery Center Road, Decatur, Michigan 49045.
Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCL 600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor or administrator or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCL 600.3241 a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.
TO ALL PURCHASERS: the foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a third party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the Mortgagors. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.
If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
DATED:January 7, 2025 Brian T. DeVries
Attorney for Mortgagee First State Bank
P.O. Box 329
Schoolcraft, MI 49087 (269) 679-4535
(1-16)(2-6)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BILLIE LOU TAYLOR; ATTY: WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A. - WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.; 1ST PUB: 1/16/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-001291; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement – Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM a.m./p.m. on February 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Billie Lou Taylor AKA Billie Lou Danielson and Rodney Cartwright and Joshua Danielson. of Van Buren County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan) dated the 24th day of June, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of July, 2004, Liber 1418, Page 854, of the Van Buren County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $14,739.35 plus accrued interest at 8.25000% percent per annum. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Beginning on the East line of Section 7, Town 3 South, Range 15 West, at a point in the center line of Red Arrow Highway 1040.00 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Section; thence North 88 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds West on the center line of Red Arrow Highway, 200.56; thence continue North 81 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West on the center line, 83.61 feet; thence North 242.66 feet; thence south 89 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds East 283.30 feet to the East Section line; thence South on same, 255.41 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 56080 Red Arrow Highway, Lawrence, MI 49064 Tax ID: 80-13-007-051-20 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 16, 2025 By: Benjamin N. Hoen #P-81415 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 5990 West Creek Road, Suite 200 Independence, OH 44131 Telephone: 216-739-5100 Fax: 216-363-4034 Email: bhoen@weltman.com WWR#: 24-001291-1
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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: ERNEST JAMES COREY; ATTY: ORLANS; 1ST PUB: 1/16/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-015961; INSURER: FHLMC
ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ernest James Corey, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Old Kent Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 28, 2001 and recorded April 3, 2001 in Liber 1329, Page 367 Van Buren County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, N. A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five and 69/100 Dollars ($32,475.69).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 13, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of Paw Paw, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as:
Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Town 3 South, Range 14 West, described as commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 35; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section to the Southeast corner of the West 10 acres of the East 30 acres of the Southeast Quarter of said Southeast Quarter according to the Government survey thereof and the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence Northerly along the East line of the West 10 acres of the East 30 acres of the Southeast Quarter of said Southeast Quarter according to the Government Survey thereof to the North line of the Southeast Quarter of said Southeast Quarter according to the Government Survey thereof; thence Westerly along said North line to the West line of the West 10 acres of the East 30 acres of the Southeast Quarter of said Southeast Quarter according to the Government Survey thereof; thence Southerly along said West line to the South line of Section 35; thence Easterly along said South line to the place of beginning.
36176 72nd Avenue, Decatur, Michigan 49045
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: January 16, 2025
File No. 24-015961
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: NATHAN ENDERS; ATTY: HLADIK ONORATO & FEDERMAN LLP - HLADIK ONORATO & FEDERMAN LLP; 1ST PUB: 1/16/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-03380; INSURER: FHA MORTGAGE SALE - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, made by Nathan Enders and Brandi Enders, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc (MERS) as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc, Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of April, 2018 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Van Buren and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of April, 2018 in Liber

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1667 of Van Buren County Records, page 834, said Mortgage having been assigned to Servbank, SB on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four and 52/100 ($84,744.52). Notice of Foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM o'clock Local Time on the 20th day of February, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The bid may include interest thereon at 5.62500 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Village of Decatur, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: LOT(S) 15 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 14, BLOCK ZZ, VILLAGE OF DECATUR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT OF 1905, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 31. Commonly known as 310 E EDGAR BERGEN BLVD, DECATUR, MI 49045 During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, of if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: 01/16/2025 Servbank, SB Mortgagee _____HLADIK, ONORATO & FEDERMAN, LLP Athena Aitas (P61824) Attorney for Servicer 3290 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 117 Troy, MI 48084 (248)362-2600 AFB FHA Enders - 24-03380 1550337

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, Michigan, starting promptly at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by ROYAL TIDE PARTNERS II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated March 30, 2022, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Van Buren County, Michigan on April 7, 2022, in Liber 1736, Page 470 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Six and 71/100 Dollars ($688,796.71). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Covert, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Part of the South Half of Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 18 West, described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 36; thence North, along the East line of said Section, 515.00 feet; thence West, at right angles to said East line, to the Easterly right-of-way line of 1-196 Highway; thence Southwesterly, along said Easterly right-of-way line, to the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section; thence Easterly, along the South line of said Southwest Quarter to the South Quarter post of Section 36; thence Easterly, along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 36, to the place of beginning.

Together with (a) all the estate, title, interest, and rights of Borrower in the premises and all buildings and improvements of every kind and description now or later placed on the premises; (b) all of the rents, profits, and leases of the premises and the tenements, hereditaments, easements, privileges, and appurtenance with respect to the premises; (c) all goods (including furniture, fixtures, equipment and appliances) and general intangibles now owned or later acquired by Borrower and now or later related to, affixed to, attached to, placed on, or used in any way in connection with the ownership, use, occupancy, or operation of the premises; (d) all of Borrower's rights, title and interest in, to and under all present and future land contracts, sales agreements or option agreements relating to the premises; (e) and all rights to make divisions of the premises that are exempt from the platting requirements of the Michigan Land Division Act, as it is amended.

Commonly known as: 47780 82nd Street and 47950 82nd Street, Coloma, Michigan 49038

P.P. #80-07-086-010-03 and 80-07-086-013-00

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale.If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: January 17, 2025

GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA

Mortgagee

Timothy Hillegonds

WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP

150 Ottawa Avenue NW Suite 1500

Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487

(616) 752-2000

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County: Van Buren; Mtgr: KRISTIN POTTER; Atty: ANDREW BARNES - ANDREW BARNES; 1st Pub: 1/16/2025; Atty File #: (N/A); Insurer: (unknown)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m., on February 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by KRISTIN POTTER, a single woman, as Mortgagor(s), to United Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated May 14, 2020 and was recorded June 26, 2020 at Liber 1702 Page 76 of Van Buren County Records. The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid at the date of this Notice is FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 38/100 ($55,382.38) DOLLARS, including interest on the applicable indebtedness at a rate of 6.375% per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of the default. At the date and time as referenced previously in this Notice, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage, as located in the City of Hartford, County of Van Buren, and State of Michigan, are more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point found by commencing at the South quarter post of Section 16, Town 3 South, Range 16 West, City of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan and running thence with bearings referenced to the West line of Allen Huntley and Stickney's Addition to the Village of Hartford as a meridian, East 599.32 feet, thence North along the Southerly extension of the Westerly line of said Subdivision 757.62 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, thence around a curve to the left with a radius of 2808.32 feet to the far end of a chord which bears North 30 degrees 30 minutes 29 seconds East 418.73 feet, thence continuing around a curve to the left with a radius 2808.32 feet to the far end of a chord which bears North 25 degrees 48 minutes 48 seconds East 53.33 feet to the Northerly line to Pleasant Street, thence continuing around a curve to the left with a radius of 2808.32 feet to the far end of a chord which bears North 23 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 127.18 feet, thence continuing around a curve to the left with a radius of 2808.32 feet to the far end of a chord which bears North 21 degrees 43 minutes 32 seconds East 82.15 feet to the point of a beginning of this description, thence South 87 degrees 22 minutes 10 seconds West (historically described as North 87 degrees 22 minutes 10 seconds East) 144.73 feet to the Easterly line of Pleasant Street, thence North along said Easterly line 75.09 feet to the Southerly line of South Street, thence North 87 degrees 22 minutes 10 seconds East along said Southerly line 172.65 feet to the Westerly line of the C&O Railroad; thence around a curve to the right with a radius of 2808.32 feet to the far end of a chord which bears South 20 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West 81.30 feet to beginning; Address: 201 Pleasant St., Hartford, MI 49057; Tax Parcel No.: 80-52-816-010-20. together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the premises; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind this sale at any time. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless the redemption period is shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 600.3238, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: January 16, 2025 ANDREW W. BARNES (P70571) BUTZEL LONG P.C. ATTORNEYS FOR UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090 269-287-2010

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: RON CRAFT; ATTY: ORLANS; 1ST PUB: 1/23/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-017259; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 20, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ron Craft and Suzanne Burrows-Craft, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Equity Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2004 and recorded May 11, 2004 in Liber 1413, Page 644 Van Buren County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety and 27/100 Dollars ($53,290.27).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 20, 2025.

Said premises are located in the City of BANGOR, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as:

BEGINNING ON THE NORTH LINE OF CASS STREET AT A POINT 465.00 FEET EAST OF THE WEST SECTION LINE; THENCE WEST, 102.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 86.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH MONROE STREET, 112.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY TO BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF BLOCK 8, MONROE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BANGOR, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 17, VAN BUREN COUNTY RECORDS.

108 E Cass Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 23, 2025

File No. 24-017259

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(01-23)(02-13)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BRIAN EVES; ATTY: HOLZMAN, RITTER & LEDUC, PLLC - HOLZMAN CORKERY, PLLC; 1ST PUB: 1/9/2025; ATTY FILE #: DLN1549584; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M., on February 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Brian Eves, an unmarried man, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to Advia Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated June 6, 2022, and recorded on June 10, 2022, in Liber 1739, on Page 459, Van Buren County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and 82/100 Dollars ($53,374.82) plus accrued interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan @ 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Said premises are situated in the Township of Pine Grove, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, VILLAGE OF KENDALL, as recorded in Liber 19, Page 554 of Plats, Van Buren County Records. Commonly: 26853 County Road 388, Gobles MI 49055—Tax Id #80-15-065-004-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: January 9, 2025 Advia Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248) 352-4340

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 36th CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER
SADDLE LAKE

DATE: February 4, 2025
TIME: 2:30 PM
LOCATION: Van Buren County Circuit Court
212 E Paw Paw Street
Paw Paw, Michigan 49079
QUESTIONS: (269) 205-3293
vanburencdc@gmail.com

Hearing to Amend Lake Level Order

A petition dated December 9, 2024 was filed with the Van Buren County Circuit Court to amend the lake level order for Saddle Lake. The Van Buren County Circuit Court will review the petition on the above date, time, and location to receive evidence to amend the lake level order for Saddle Lake, located in Columbia Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, consistent with the provisions of MCL 324.30707.

Submitting Testimony and Evidence

The public may submit written testimony and provide evidence regarding the petition and this matter to the Court. The public may also attend the hearing on the above date, time, and location to provide oral testimony and/or evidence. The Court will accept written testimony and evidence via email at **Carrierp@vanburencountymi.gov** or by mail addressed to the **Van Buren County Circuit Court, 212 E Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079. When providing written testimony or evidence, include the subject-line "Saddle Lake – Lake Level Hearing (Case No. 24-074426-CZ)."** Please call the Court at **(269) 657-8200, ext. 2346 (please direct other inquiries to the phone number at the top of this notice) with any questions regarding submitting written materials.**

For additional information regarding the hearing, please call (269) 205-3293 or email vanburencdc@gmail.com. A recorded webinar about the lake level order and court hearing is also posted at: https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/902/Saddle-Lake-Level-Lake-Level-Order.

Hearing Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to attend the hearing should call the Court at **(269) 657-8200, ext. 2340 (please direct other inquiries to the phone number at the top of this notice)** or by using the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing to coordinate accommodations. All property owners affected may participate in the hearing by either submitting written testimony and/or evidence or by attending the court hearing to present testimony.

Joe Parman
Van Buren County Drain Commissioner
on behalf of the Saddle Lake – Lake Level District

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
VAN BUREN COUNTY

Audrey Sperling Revocable Living Trust/ Estate of Audrey Sperling

Case No. 24-74373-CH

To: Estate of Charles Bryce Engle and Estate of Sandra Engle

Notice is hereby given to Estate of Charles Bryce Engle and Estate of Sandra Engle, whose whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligent search and inquiry, that a compliant for quiet title action has been filed against them in the Circuit Court of Van Buren County, located at 212 E. Paw Paw, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079.

The nature of the proceedings is as follows: This is a petition for quiet title actions on the grounds of that a land contract was paid in full and there currently resides a interest that belongs to the Defendant on title affecting the ability of the Plaintiff to transfer ownership of the property. The Plaintiff seeks that this cloud on title be resolved and requests that the court award all ownership interest to be transferred to the Plaintiff.

You are required to appear and defend against this action by filing your response with the court and serving a copy upon the Plaintiff's attorney on or before 3 weeks after the initial running of this notice , which was on January 16,2025 (1/16/25). Failure to do so may result in a judgment by default being entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Mattawan Planning Commission will consider a **Special Land Use Request** received from Edward Kucinich and Florence Kucinich, **to allow the construction of an Automotive Fueling Station/Convenience Store at 23968 E. McGillen Avenue, Mattawan property ID # 80-46-700-057-20** in the Village of Mattawan.

1169-B17 12-3-13 594-548 986-257+258 *** BEG SW COR; TH N00D32'22"E 311.69 FT; S87D54'13"E 330.37 FT; S00D32'22"W 311.24 FT; N87D58'58"W 330.36 FT TO POB. *** SPLIT ON 11/14/2024 FROM 80-46-700-057-01; FOR 2025

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the request will be considered by the Planning Commission at their meeting to be held on **February 19, 2025 @ 7:00 PM** for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed special land use. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The meeting will be held in the Village Office meeting room at the address below. Please send all written comments to:

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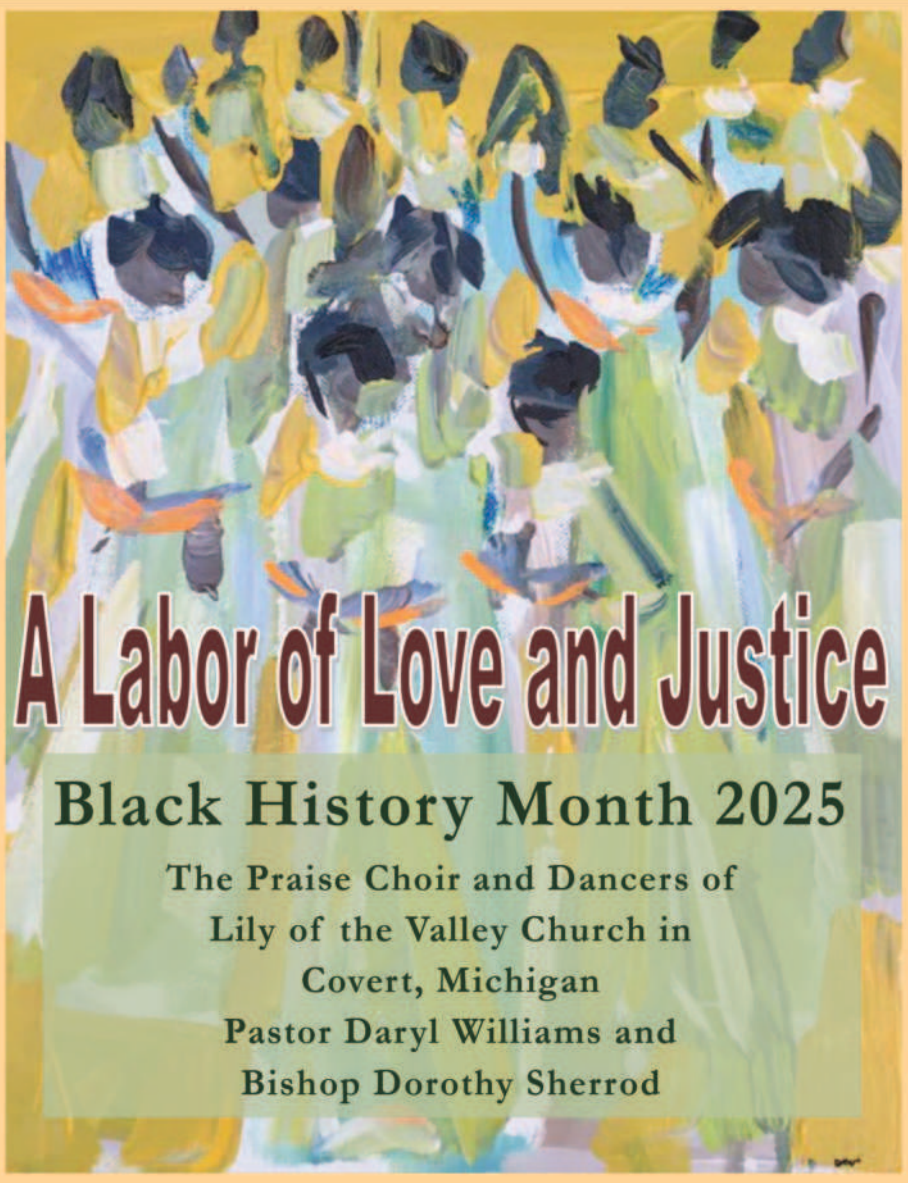
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Image: "Gospel Choir," Maren Devine

Road Commission offers recommendations for road safety

LAWRENCE - During the winter months, the Van Buren County Road Commission performs many duties, but snow and ice control are the most noticeable. When you consider the working conditions, including visibility and traffic, they are also probably the most dangerous. That's why it is very important for residents, especially children and newly licensed drivers, to know what they can do to help snowplow operators.

Stay 200 feet away from an active snowplow - it's the law. For a point of reference, 200 feet is roughly comparable to 13 car lengths. The law also requires drivers to stop at least 20 feet away from a snowplow stopped at an intersection. This law was put in place because the areas behind snowplows are dangerous to be in. For the motorist there is decreased visibility in the area 200 feet behind the plow truck from the clouds of snow, not to mention increased stopping distance and other important driving safety issues. For our drivers, their visibility of you is also decreased by the same situations. In addition, they are constantly watching for people driving, residents shoveling driveways, children waiting for the bus or playing, animals, garbage cans, etc. all on top of driving while using all the buttons and switches necessary to do their job safely and effectively. We can all do our part by staying 200 feet away and giving the plows room to groom.

If you decide to pass a snowplow, do so on the left because passing on the right is illegal. Plows can be unpredictable - such as making wide turns or overlapping lanes. They also have "wing" plow blades to the right of the truck. A collision with a snowplow or the wing plow can be very dangerous, damaging, and costly. It may be shocking, but this has been an ongoing issue this winter. Our drivers are being regularly passed on both sides of the plow. This isn't safe for our drivers or motorists.

Winter maintenance vehicles use green lights to improve visibility. So, while motorists are used to green meaning go - in this case, green means slow down.

Don't build snow forts, make tunnels, or allow children to play in or on snowbanks next to roads. Our plow trucks and the snow being plowed off the road can cause a snow fort or tunnel to collapse causing a frighteningly dangerous situation. (This is one of our drivers' biggest fears).

Keep well away from the edge of the roadway when waiting for the school bus, getting the mail, or watching the plow trucks. The snow being plowed can cause a frighteningly dangerous situation as it is HEAVY and is plowed with enough velocity to get the snow off the road.

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